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For: A FIBER OPTIC SWITCH EMPLOYING OPTICAL AMPLIFIERS

AMENDMENT

To the Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Dear Sir:

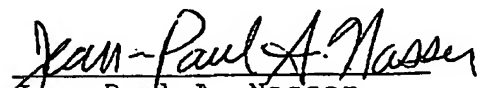
In response to the Office Letter of 25 August 2005, amend
the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification: None.

Amendments to the Claims: are reflected in the listing of claims
that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings: none.**Remarks/Arguments:** begin on page 8 of this paper.**Certificate of Transmission:**

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